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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF STATEMENT BY THE GERMAN DELEGATE

CONCERNING AN ATTEMPTED DIVERSION OF BORON

TO THE SOVIET OCCUPIED ZONE OF GERMANY

10th September 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands,
Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3468

The German Delegate informed the Committee that in July 1959 his authorities had received a request from a German firm for an Import Certificate for 4 000 tons of colemanite (a boron mineral) from Turkey. Since colemanite was a mineral which was rarely imported into Germany, his authorities had made a special check on the proposed transaction and had been able to find out that the shipment was to have been diverted to the Soviet occupied Zone of Germany. They had therefore refused to issue an Import Certificate. They felt that this case indicated that the Soviet Bloc were trying hard to obtain boron since the recent diversion case referred to in COCOM 3468 had failed. In conclusion, the Delegate urged that all Member Countries should exercise great care before issuing Import Certificates for boron minerals.

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